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# Title: Gaming Apparatus with Novel Display Technique

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**Examiner: Williams, Ross A.**

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## **COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicant files this paper in response to the examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided with the Notice of Allowance mailed August 23, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests that the following comments be considered to clarify the examiner's general recitation of the elements of claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 21.

Regarding the examiner's general recitation of the elements, Applicant notes that while the examiner has essentially paraphrased elements of independent claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 21 as not disclosed or suggested in the prior art (with which the Applicant agrees), Applicant notes that not all of the independent claims recite the same language. For example, claims 1, 18 and 23 recite playing card spaces whereas claim 7 recites keno number spaces and claim 13 recites bingo number spaces. In fact, applicants submit that claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 21 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable as including limitations other than the limitations that the examiner has selected from claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 21. In any event, applicants submit that each of claims 1-24 should be interpreted to include and should be construed to be limited only to the specific elements actually recited therein. These claims

should not, therefore, be limited in any manner based on the examiner's general recitation of elements of claims 1, 7, 13, 18 and 21 within the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

In addition to the reasons for allowance set forth in the allowance papers that were mailed in connection with the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable for the additional reasons that the invention defined by the language of the claims is neither anticipated by, nor would have been obvious when taken as a whole in view of, the art of record.

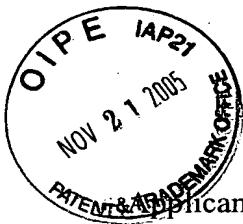
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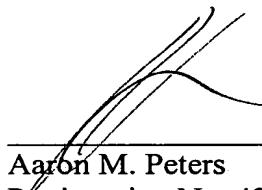
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Sir:

This application was allowed on August 23, 2005 and is assigned to Batch 7590.

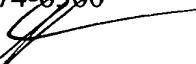
Enclosed herewith are eighteen (Figs. 1-19) sheets of formal drawings for substitution  
in the above-referenced application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this request. However, if a fee is due, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/P-561 from which the  
undersigned is authorized to draw.

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